GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:121
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TELEPHONE REGISTRATION FEE
P.R. KHUTE;PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to do away with the telephone registration fee in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Sir, a decision has been taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, a State owned telecom service provider, to dispense with payment of registration charges in all areas, whether rural or urban, where telephone is available `On Demand`. In such areas, on receipt of request for a telephone connection, a Demand Note is issued to the customer for payment of installation charges. As soon as installation charges are paid by the customer, OB is issued for installation of the phone. `Security Deposit` is to be charged in the first bill issued to the subscriber.